

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLSTRIP, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the town of Colstrip, Montana, was founded in 1924 when the Northern Pacific Railroad started mining coal from the Rosebud Mine to fuel their steam locomotives; and

WHEREAS, Colstrip is the home of the Rosebud Mine, which is part of the Fort Union Formation, a geologic unit containing sandstones, shales, and coal beds in Montana and Wyoming, that dates from the early Paleocene epoch, some 65 million years ago; and

WHEREAS, Colstrip is located in southeast Montana, surrounded by open rangeland, farms, ranches, and the Little Wolf Mountains; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Colstrip's Rosebud Mine was identified as strategically important because it supplied coal for the Northern Pacific Railway steam locomotives hauling military equipment for the war effort; and

WHEREAS, Colstrip is known as the "energy capital of Montana" and has a combined output of 1,480 megawatts; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of Colstrip working in the coal fields and energy plants have added tremendous wealth to the state over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, today, Colstrip is a closely knit community with over 2,000 citizens and is the largest city in Rosebud County; and

WHEREAS, Colstrip is home to 32 parks and offers a wide variety of recreational and sports activities; and

WHEREAS, the community of Colstrip plans to kick off a year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary in June 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

